

# **EXHIBIT K**

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IMMIGRATION IN THE  
NATIONAL INTEREST ACT OF 1995

R E P O R T

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

ON

H.R. 2202

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ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION REFORM AND IMMIGRANT  
RESPONSIBILITY ACT OF 1996

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Mr. HYDE, from the committee of conference,  
submitted the following

CONFERENCE REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 2202]

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2202) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to improve deterrence of illegal immigration to the United States by increasing border patrol and investigative personnel, by increasing penalties for alien smuggling and for document fraud, by reforming exclusion and deportation law and procedures, by improving the verification system for the eligibility for employment, and through other measures, to reform the legal immigration system and facilitate legal entries into the United States, and for other purposes, having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the Senate amendment, insert the following:

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; AMENDMENTS TO IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT; APPLICATION OF DEFINITIONS OF SUCH ACT; TABLE OF CONTENTS; SEVERABILITY.**

(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the “Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996”.

(b) **AMENDMENTS TO IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT.**—Except as otherwise specifically provided—

(1) whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed as the amendment or repeal of a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to that section or provision in the Immigration and Nationality Act; and



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# Asylum often stepping stone to citizenship in Louisiana

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Many immigrants living in Louisiana are hoping to one day become naturalized citizens of the United States. Some arrived in this state through the [asylum](#) program. Not everyone is eligible for this protection, however, and not everyone who is granted asylum will successfully apply for citizenship. Each case is unique and immigration decisions are made according to individual circumstances in conjunction with existing laws and guidelines.

A person recently granted asylum inquired online about the citizenship process. This person was seeking information as to whether a green card would automatically be issued or if an application for permanent residency was required. The columnist responding to the inquiry explained that applications must be filed in order to obtain permanent legal status.

No person can apply for citizenship without first obtaining permanent residency status. The particular form needing to be filed to apply for a green card may only be submitted after an immigrant has resided in the United States under asylum for one year. From there, application for naturalization may only occur after one has possessed a green card for four years.

The waiting period is substantially less for those who are married to U.S. citizens. In such cases, an immigrant would only need to wait two years before applying for

naturalization. In either case, the actual application may be filed a few months before the required waiting period ends.

The asylum, green card and naturalization processes are often quite complex. It is easy to feel overwhelmed and confused when trying to fulfill eligibility requirements for any of these programs. Many Louisiana immigrants reach out for support rather than try to navigate such systems alone. An experienced immigration law attorney is a source of support who can help simplify the application process and address any legal problems that may arise along the way.

**Source:** nydailynews.com, "Immigrants granted asylum must apply for permanent residency", Allan Wernick, Nov. 16, 2017



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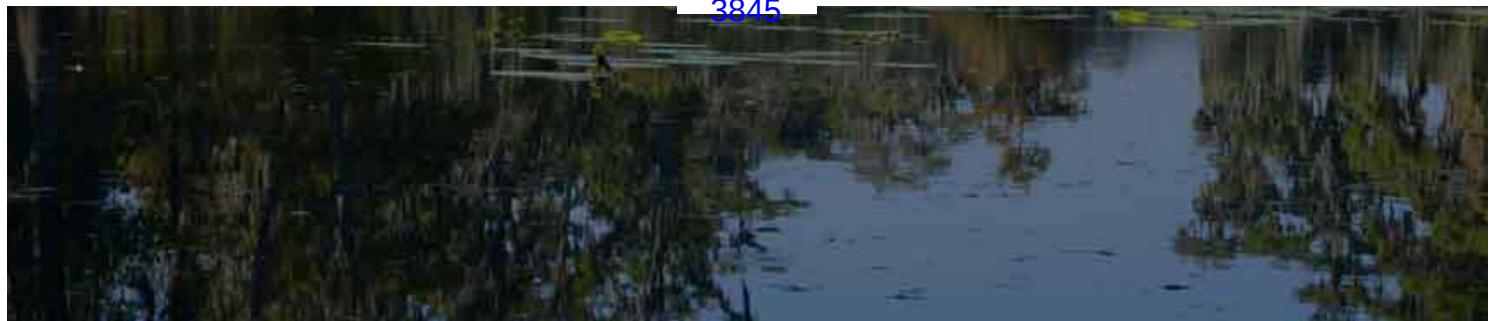
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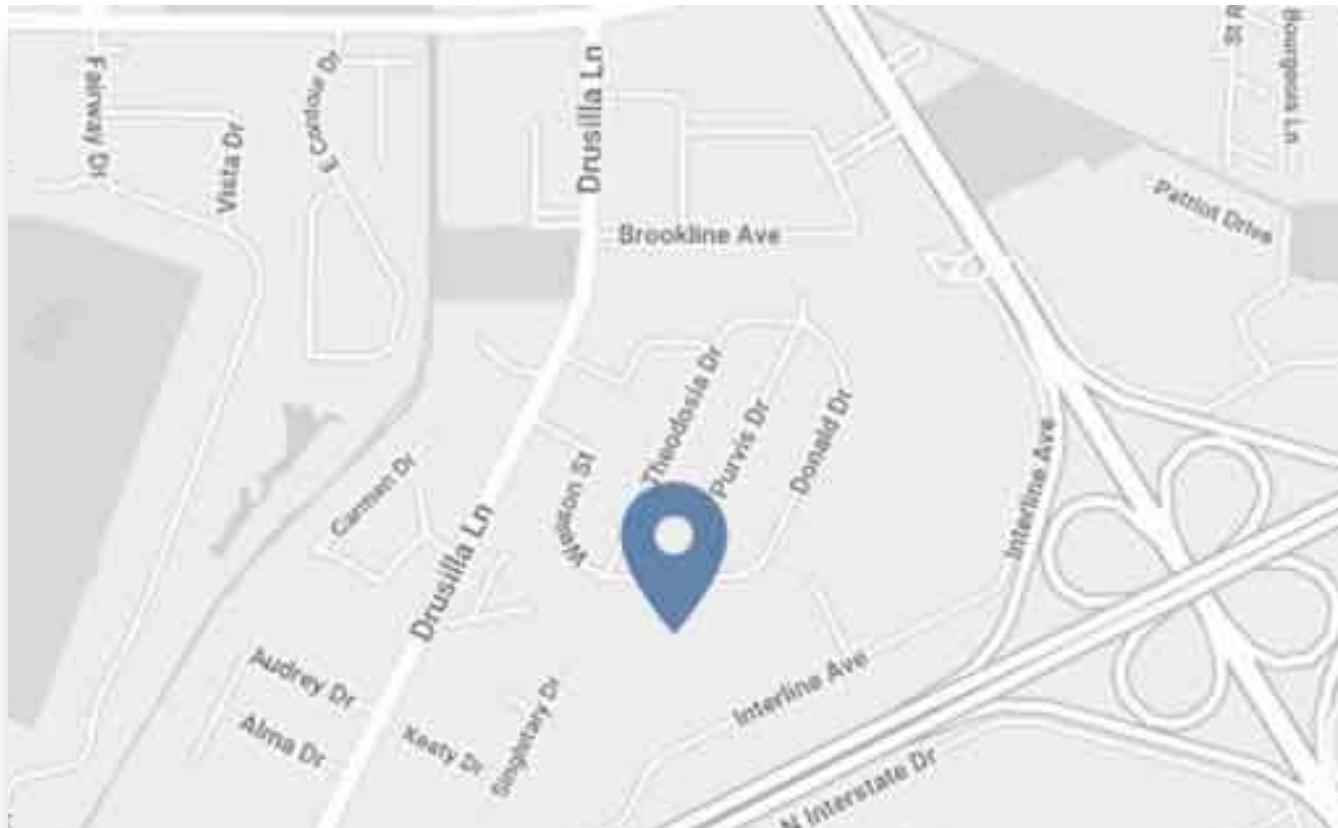
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## Some asylum seekers dropped off in Shreveport reportedly were not allowed to call their families

"ICE is required to allow immigrants to call their families to let them know they're getting out"



(Source: Gray TV file photo)

By [Destinee Patterson](#)

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SHREVEPORT, La. (KSLA) — It's been four days since ICE dropped off 20-30 Haitian immigrants in Shreveport.



Greyhound buses brought the two groups to the city's bus station Thursday, July 15 from two ICE detention centers in Louisiana, said Frances Kelley, of Louisiana Advocates for Immigrants in Detention.

Many of them were not allowed to contact family members and, therefore, had nowhere to go once they reached Shreveport, she continued.

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"ICE is required to allow immigrants to call their families to let them know they're getting out. We've had multiple people tell us that was not the case," Kelley said.

"One immigrant was told, 'If you don't get on this bus right now, you'll have to stay here forever' when he asked to call his family to let them know that he was getting out."

All of the immigrants have since been reunited with their families and friends in the United States, Kelley said.

"Once notified of the sudden release, most of their families quickly purchased plane or bus tickets for their loved ones," she added. "A few immigrants whose families could not afford plane tickets received free plane tickets from the nonprofit Miles for Migrants, which helps reunite refugees and asylum seekers with their families."

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People, however, still are taking issue with the lack of support for the asylum seekers.

[U.S. Sen. Bill Cassidy has called it](#) "horrible mismanagement."

In an email, a spokesperson for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement says its "Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO), New Orleans Field Office, is transporting individuals, in accordance with COVID-19 protocols, released from ICE custody to regional airports or bus stations. Individuals released from ICE custody have a transportation and a temporary support plan in place prior to release."

ICE also is "coordinating with non-governmental organizations to ensure individuals have immediate needs such as temporary shelter upon their release, as well as food, water, clothing and transportation services to help mitigate strains placed on resources in the local community," the ICE spokesperson added.

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Kelley said the chaotic way in which ICE released asylum seekers at the Shreveport bus station without allowing them to first contact their families is only one example of many similar incidents that have been documented in Louisiana over recent months.

Several of the nine ICE immigration detention centers in Louisiana, many of which are in rural areas of the state, are under federal investigation due to allegations of torture, abuse and medical neglect, Kelley added.

On Friday, July 16, Louisiana Advocates for Immigrants in Detention, Freedom for Immigrants, the Southern Poverty Law Center and several other groups filed a civil rights complaint against ICE for alleged "blatant violations of the ICE Performance-Based National Detention Standards 2011 regarding release protocols in Louisiana and Mississippi, causing serious harm to the well-being and safety of those being released."

The petition says those violations include not allowing immigrants to contact their families prior to being released in order to make travel arrangements and not providing access to interpreters and translated materials to inform them of their post-release transportation options.

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Since late March, volunteers in Shreveport have helped more than 400 immigrants from 42 countries travel to reunite with their families or friends in other states, according to Louisiana Advocates for Immigrants in Detention. Among them were several parents who were reunited with their children after being separated for anywhere from months to years.

***Following is the latest directive on U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's enforcement priorities:***

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**U.S. Immigration  
and Customs  
Enforcement**

February 18, 2021

MEMORANDUM FOR:

All ICE Employees

FROM:

Tae D. Johnson  
Acting Director

SUBJECT:

Interim Guidance: Civil Immigration Enforcement and  
Removal Priorities

Purpose

This memorandum establishes interim guidance in support of the interim civil immigration

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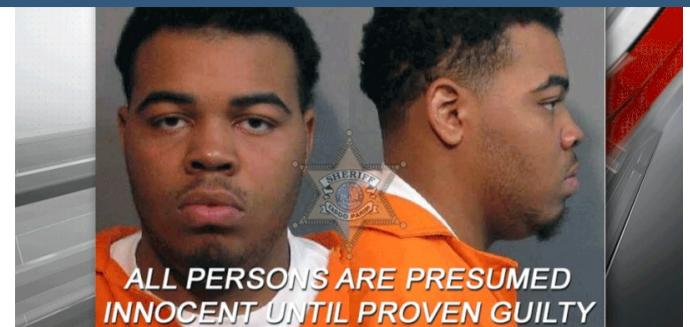
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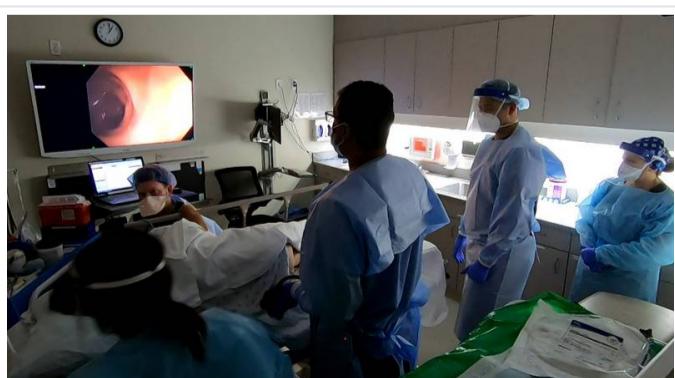
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